

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A wiper, comprising a rod having a first end and a second end, a wiping body provided at ~~one~~ the first end of the rod, and an outer packing[[,]] characterized in that said outer packing is a firm tube-like container having both ends closed permanently; the tube-like container is provided with [[an]] a circumferential easy break-off mark ~~at at least one place on the tube wall~~ between both ends thereof, the position of the easy break-off mark in the longitudinal direction of the tube wall; tube-like container is such that the second end of the rod extends beyond the cross section of the tube-like container having the easy break-off mark, and when the tube-like container is broken off along the easy break-off mark into two parts, the second end is exposed out of the broken opening of the parts with the wiping body; and when the tube-like container is broken off along the easy break-off mark, a flexible deformation of [[and]] the rod is of elasticity occurs under force without interfering with the breaking-off of the tube-like container and the rod can recover from the flexible deformation after said force that makes it deform is removed.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that said wiping body is impregnated with working fluid.

5. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that said wiping body provided at [[one]] the first end of the rod is divided into two parts along the axial direction of the rod.

6. (Canceled)

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7. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that said rod has a cavity containing working fluid, ~~an upper end opening closed by fusion, and easy break-off mark provided at the upper end portion, and a lower end opening~~ the first end of said rod provided with the wiping body closed by a tube-like article, one end of which is connected with an end portion of the tube-like container and sealed, and the other end of which forms an interference fit with the first end opening of the rod, the second end of said rod closed by fusion and provided with an easy break-off mark.

8. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that inside the tube-like container ~~there is provided with a piston-like article is provided, the~~ whose diameter of which corresponds to the inner diameter of the tube-like container and the tube-like container contains working fluid below the piston-like article, and there are three longitudinal slots arranged equidistantly along the circumference of the inner wall of the tube-like container.

9. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that inside the tube-like container there is a spherical cap-like article that is deformable under force, the outer diameter ~~of the upper portion~~ of which corresponds to the inner diameter of the tube-like container ~~and which is deformable under force.~~

10. (Original) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that said tube-like container stores at least two rods therein, one end of each rod being provided with a wiping body.

11. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that the second end of the rod (20) opposite to the end provided with the wiping body (30)[[.]] is fixedly coupled with an end portion of the tube-like container (10).

12. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that on the wall of the tube-like container (10) between both ends, ~~there are provided with easy break-off marks~~ are provided at two places.

13. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that inside the wiping body (30) ~~there is provided with one of the following substance~~ substances is provided: working fluid (60), working powder (64), and working ointment (65).

14. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that along the axial direction of the rod (20), said wiping body (30) provided at ~~[[one]]~~ the first end of the rod (20) is divided into two parts, both being impregnated with working fluid (60).

15. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that said rod (20) has an easy break-off mark, ~~an upper end coupled with a sealing plug which closes the upper end opening of the tube-like container through fusion, and a lower end provided with~~ and the wiping body which (30) provided on the first end (22) of said rod (20) along the axial direction of the rod (20) is divided into two parts, one of them being impregnated with working fluid (60), the second end (21) of said rod (20) being coupled with a sealing plug (18) that closes the top end opening of the tube-like container (10) through fusion.

16. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that said rod (20) has a cavity containing working fluid (60), an end opening of the first end provided with the wiping body (30) closed by a tube-like article (24), one end of which is connected with an end portion of the tube-like container (10) and sealed, and the other end of which forms an interference fit with ~~the lower end opening of the rod (20)~~, an easy break-off tail tube ~~which (26) that~~ extends upwardly from a convex neck (25) provided at the ~~upper top~~ portion

of the ~~tube-like article~~ rod (20) being closed at the ~~upper top~~ end opening thereof and being provided with an easy break-off mark at the lower portion thereof.

17. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that said rod (20) has a cavity containing working fluid (60), and an end opening of the end provided with the wiping body (30) being closed by a tube-like article (24), one end of which is connected with an end portion of the tube-like container (10) and sealed, ~~and the other end of which forms an interference fit with the lower end opening of the rod.~~

18. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that said rod (20) has a cavity containing working fluid (60), ~~an upper~~ the second end (21) of said rod (20) being closed with the ~~upper top~~ end opening of the tube-like container (10) through fusion, a middle portion connected with the tube-like container (10) by a connecting member ~~which (27) that~~ forms an interference fit with the tube-like container (10), and an easy break-off mark ~~which (23) that~~ is provided on the wall of the rod (20) above the connecting member (27) and corresponds to the easy break-off mark (13a) on the outer wall of the tube-like container (10), ~~and other easy break-off marks may be provided on the outer wall of the tube-like container below the connecting member.~~

19. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that on said rod (20), ~~there is provided with~~ at least one piston-like article (70) ~~is provided~~, the diameter of which corresponds to the inner diameter of the tube-like container (10) and above which ~~there are provided with~~ three longitudinal slots (16) ~~are provided~~, arranged equidistantly along the circumference of the inner wall of the tube-like container (10).

20. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that two wipers are paired up and connected with the tube-like container (10).

21. (Currently amended) The wiper according to claim 1 ~~or claim 11~~, characterized in that in the middle of the cavity of said tube-like container (10), ~~there is provided with a~~ plug-like article ~~which (19) is provided that~~ divides the cavity into two independent chambers.

22-26. (Canceled)